



# IDAHO CROP & LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS' NEWS

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*Dear Respondent:*

*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the December 1 Milk Production Report. Total production and number of cows are reported for selected states and the U.S.*

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*Sincerely,*

*William R. Meyer*

*Director*

### Idaho Milk Production up 12.3 Percent

Idaho milk production during November 2005 totaled 838 million pounds, a 12.3 percent increase from the same month last year, and down 41 million pounds from October 2005. Revised production for October 2005 totaled 879 million pounds, down 5 million pounds from the preliminary estimate and 12.5 percent above October 2004. Average milk production per cow in November 2005 was 1,780 pounds, a 60 pound increase from November 2004, and 90 pounds less than October 2005. The average number of milk cows during November was 471,000 head, up 1,000 head from October 2005 and up 37,000 head from November 2004.

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 4.6 percent from November 2004. October revised production, at 13.3 billion pounds, was up 4.0 percent from October 2004. The October revision represented a decrease of 17 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,590 pounds for November, 59 pounds above November 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 60,000 head more than November 2004, and 2,000 head more than October 2005.

### Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2004-2005

Month	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	412	436	1,800	1,830	742	798	7.5
February	412	437	1,660	1,680	684	734	7.3
March	413	441	1,780	1,880	735	829	12.8
April	414	443	1,770	1,850	733	820	11.9
May	417	445	1,850	1,930	771	859	11.4
June	422	451	1,800	1,900	760	857	12.8
July	427	460	1,860	1,960	794	902	13.6
August	431	468	1,850	1,940	797	908	13.9
September	431	469	1,780	1,850	767	868	13.2
October*	434	470	1,800	1,870	781	879	12.5
November	434	471	1,720	1,780	746	838	12.3
December	435		1,800		783		
Annual	424		21,446		9,093		

\* 2005 revised.

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, November 2004-2005**

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	168	161	1,760	1,840	296	296	
California	1,741	1,770	1,700	1,725	2,960	3,053	3.1
Colorado	103	106	1,760	1,820	181	193	6.6
Florida	137	136	1,250	1,210	171	165	-3.5
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Illinois	106	104	1,450	1,480	154	154	
Indiana	154	157	1,540	1,650	237	259	9.3
Iowa	190	187	1,610	1,620	306	303	-1.0
Kansas	112	112	1,580	1,670	177	187	5.6
Kentucky	109	102	1,030	1,040	112	106	-5.4
Michigan	306	312	1,660	1,735	508	541	6.5
Minnesota	460	450	1,390	1,445	639	650	1.7
Missouri	120	114	1,215	1,230	146	140	-4.1
New Mexico	322	337	1,605	1,720	517	580	12.2
New York	651	648	1,410	1,485	918	962	4.8
Ohio	266	270	1,390	1,400	370	378	2.2
Oregon	120	121	1,490	1,490	179	180	0.6
Pennsylvania	563	556	1,420	1,500	799	834	4.4
Texas	320	321	1,455	1,630	466	523	12.2
Vermont	144	142	1,415	1,460	204	207	1.5
Virginia	104	105	1,340	1,370	139	144	3.6
Washington	235	242	1,825	1,835	429	444	3.5
Wisconsin	1,237	1,238	1,415	1,485	1,750	1,838	5.0
<b>23 STATE</b>							
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,102	8,162	1,531	1,590	12,404	12,975	4.6

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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